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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant wishes to call to the attention of the examiner the following references:

COUNTRY	PATENT#	<u>APPLICANT</u>	FILING DATE
United States	5,678,351	Halterman, Jr.	01-02-96
United States	5,297,355	O'Brien	05-05-93
United States	5,129,650	Hayman	06-18-91
United States	4,794,905	Woolard	05-21-87
United States	4,598,911	Lepera	07-16-84
United States	4,364,371	Woolard	01-05-81
United States	3,897,068	Staples	08-16-74
United States	3,841,292	Hoffman	01-31-72
United States	3,797,472	Knisely, Jr.	02-07-72
United States	2,902,023	Waller	05-09-58
United States	2,705,148	Waller	07-25-52
United States	1,168,808	Von Hoffmann	11-02-10

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with the Form, PTO 1449. The O'Brien reference, U. S. Patent #5,297,355, the Halterman, Jr. reference, U. S. Patent #5,678,351, the Hayman reference, U. S. Patent #5,129,650, the Woolard reference, U. S. Patent #4,794,905, the Woolard reference, U. S. Patent #4,364,371, and the Staples reference, U. S. Patent #3,897,068 are discussed at page 5 of the Patent Disclosure. The additional references are considered to be cumulative or of less relevance to the application than the references discussed in the application.

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The Applicant respectfully submits the above references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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